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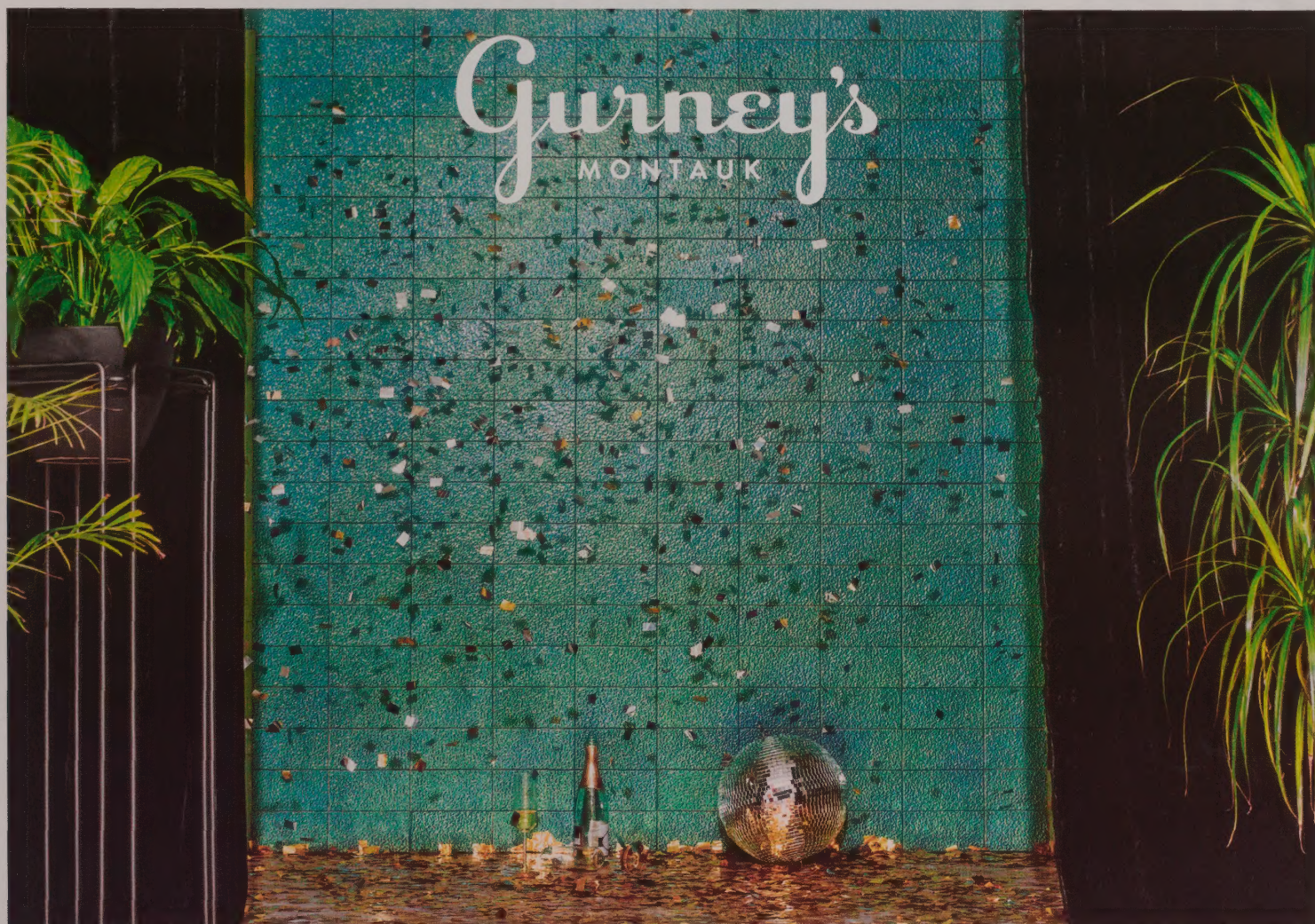
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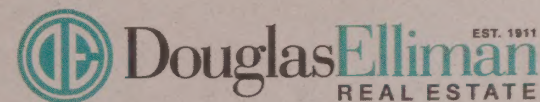
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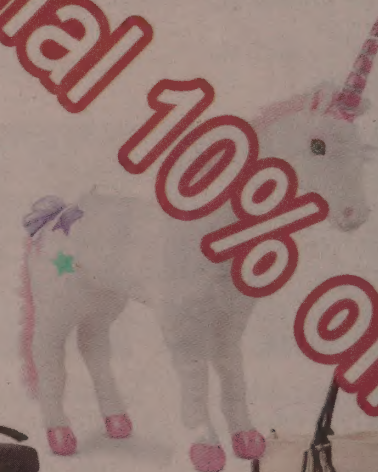
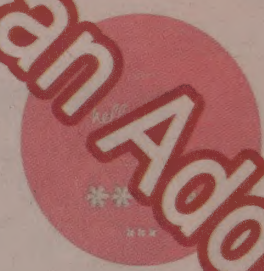
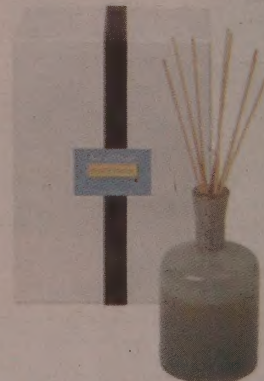
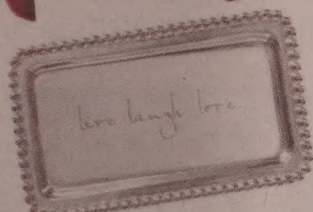
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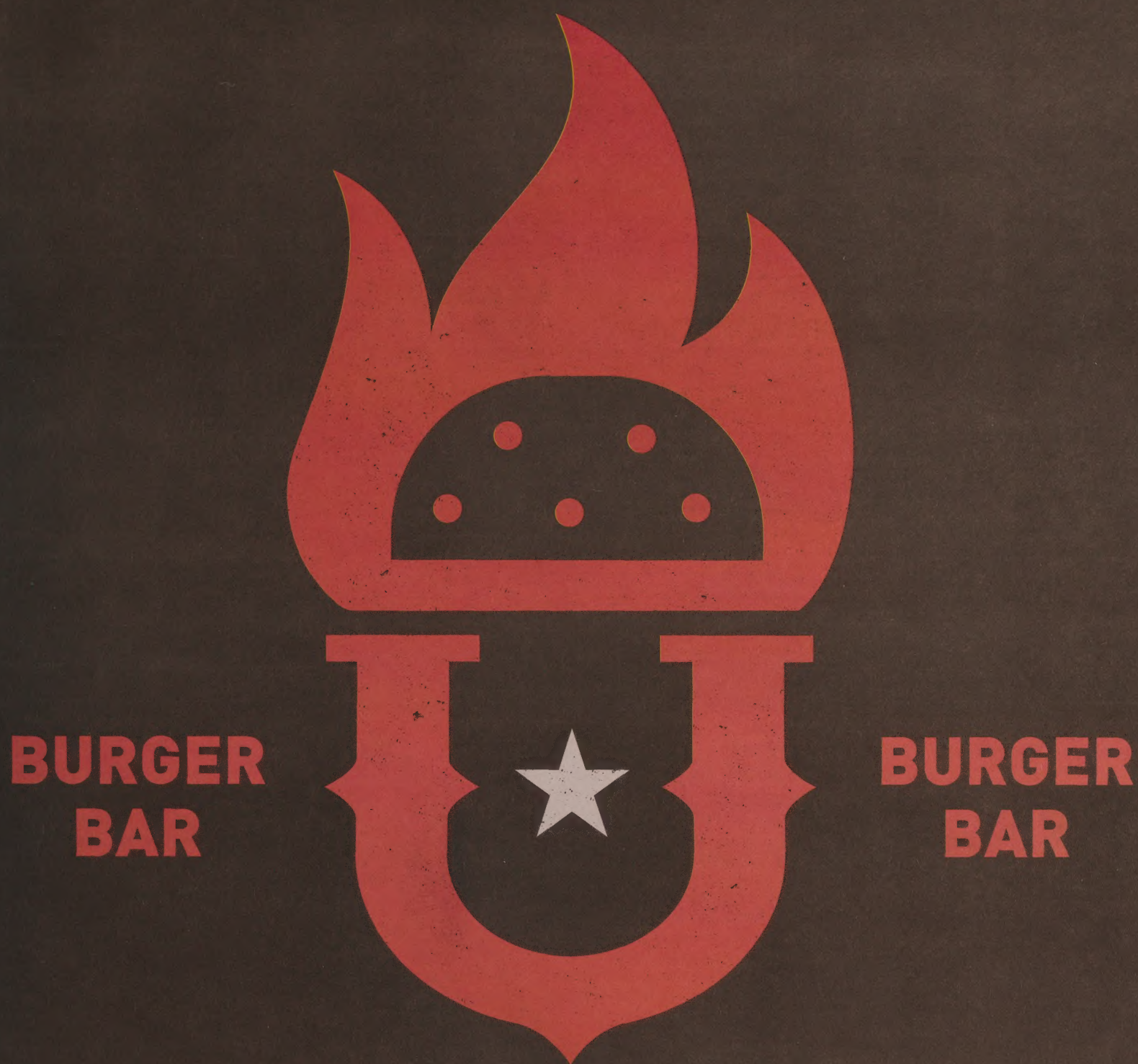
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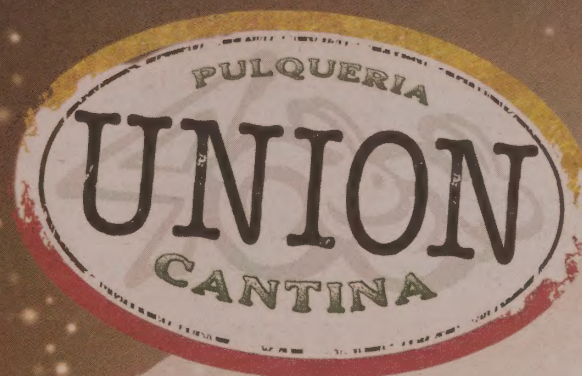
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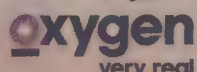
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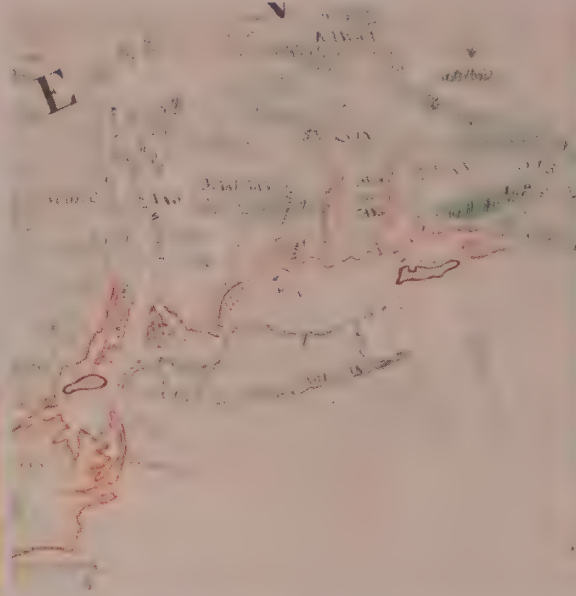
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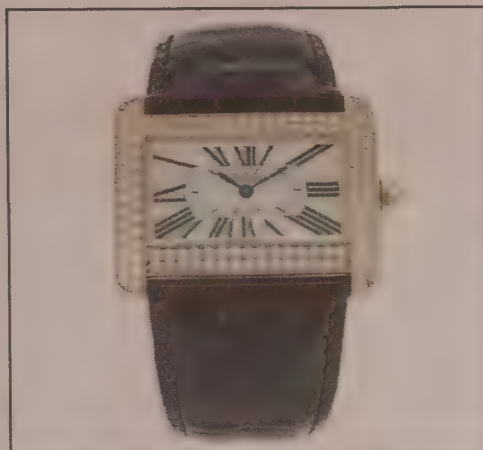
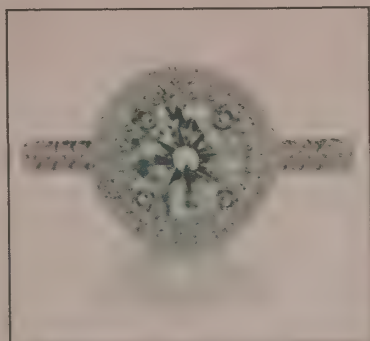
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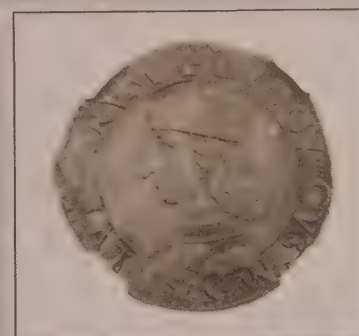
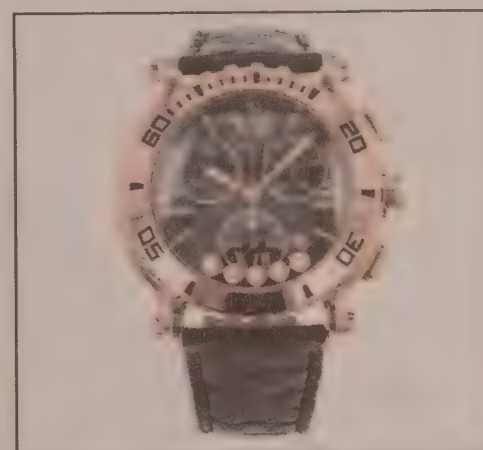
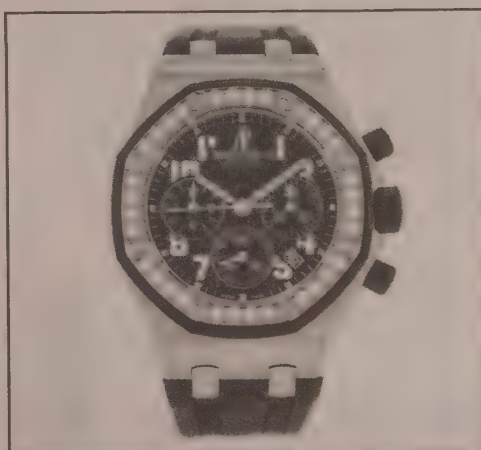
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DECEMBER 14, 3:30 P.M.

Families, get ready to celebrate the holiday season with an incredible day of festive fun! The Shelter Island Public Library will host an exciting visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, which includes a book reading, holiday snacks and crafts. Following the riveting storytime, there will be a screening of Will Ferrell's hilarious Christmas classic, *Elf*. Free admission.

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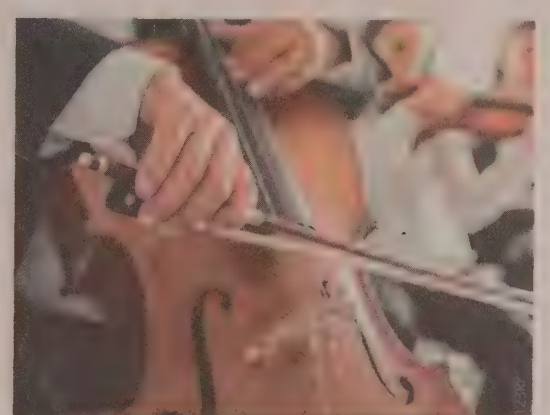


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DECEMBER 15, 6:30 P.M.

The Transitions Saxophone Quartet performs a jazz-infused concert of holiday favorites including Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," selections from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *The Nutcracker*, as well as new arrangements of many other festive tunes. Weather permitting, a stargazing session will follow. The suggested donation for adults is \$5, children \$3.

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DECEMBER 15, 8 P.M.

The Reboli Center for Art and History presents a performance of two classical favorites, Johannes Brahms' "String Quintet No.2 Op. 111" and Arnold Schoenberg's "Transfigured Night" for string sextet. Acclaimed for its exceptional acoustics, the center's main gallery is the ideal venue for a holiday concert. Free, but seats must be reserved in advance.

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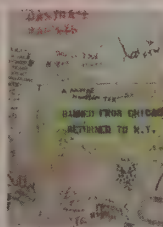
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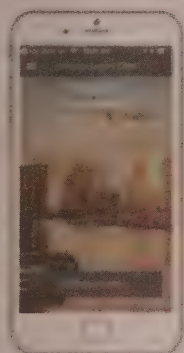
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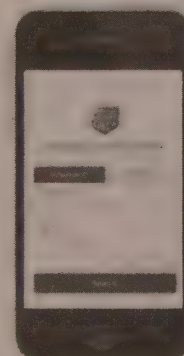


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Ralph Lauren has purchased the late playwright Edward Albee's Montauk estate, adjacent to his own. Albee's property is on 3.27 acres of land, with five buildings, two tennis courts and two pools. See story on page 51.

Shocking no one, Southampton Shock Jock **Howard Stern** earned the top spot on *Forbes* magazine's just-released list of the world's Highest-Paid Radio Hosts of 2018. Now in the third year of an eight-figure contract with SiriusXM, Stern earned an estimated \$90 million last year, besting **Rush Limbaugh** (\$84.5 million) and **Ryan Seacrest** (\$74 million).

Hamptons regular **Alex Rodriguez** launched a new podcast last week. Along with "Pardon My Take" host **Dan Katz**, the former Yankee—and current **J-Lo** beau—co-hosts "The Corp" for Barstool Sports. The seven-episode first season features interviews with **Kobe Bryant**, **Barbara Corcoran**, **Gary Vee**, **Mike Francesca**, **Michael Rubin** and others. A second season is already underway.

Congratulations to East Enders **Candice Bergen** and **Debra Messing**, who have both been nominated for 2018 Golden Globe Awards for their work on *Murphy Brown* and *Will & Grace*, respectively. See related story on page 33.

Several South Fork residents came out to support former New York City Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** at the premiere of his new film, *Paris to Pittsburgh*, last Monday. In the crowd at Manhattan's Walter Reade Theater were Hamptonites **Mariska Hargitay**, **Peter Hermann**, **Christie Brinkley** and **Martha Stewart**. Of *Paris to Pittsburgh*, which addresses climate change, Bloomberg said, "American people are leading where Washington won't to help spread solutions from town to town and state to state. We hope this documentary will show that and give people hope."

Amagansett's **Scarlett Johansson** hosted a special screening of *Black Panther* in New York last week. The event, which included a discussion with stars **Lupita Nyong'o** and **Danai Gurira**, costume designer **Ruth E. Carter**, production designer **Hanna Beachler** and others, preceded the film's 2019 Golden Globe nomination for Best Motion Picture, Drama.

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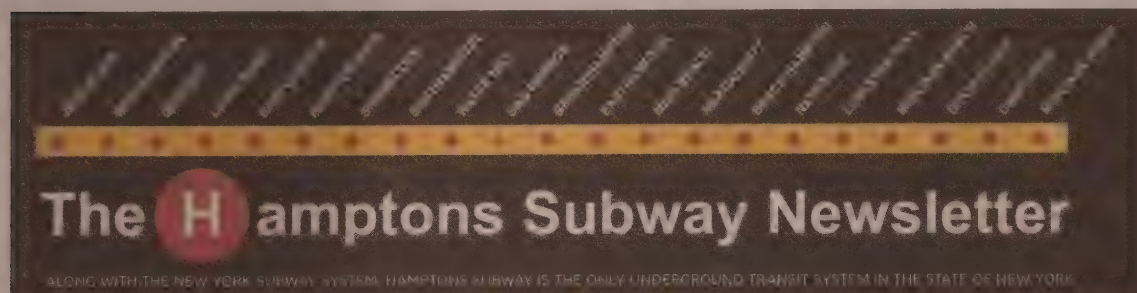


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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of December 14–20, 2018

Riders this past week: 28,412

Rider miles this past week: 83,333

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Carl Ichan was seen on the subway riding from East Hampton to Georgica studying the *Wall Street Journal* on Thursday. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was seen riding the subway between Shinnecock and Southampton reading the *New York Times* on Friday. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was seen riding from Bridgehampton to Sagaponack on Friday reading the *New York Post*.

NO SMOKING?

The board of directors of The Hamptons Subway, taking a cue East Hampton Village which is considering banning smoking in any public place in that community, have passed a new rule, a first, making it illegal to smoke anywhere on the subway system—on the platforms, in the cars or on the escalators. Opponents of the smoking ban have hired Alan Fried, a well known trial lawyer, to fight the ban on the grounds that smoking is one

of the “rights” offered by the Second Amendment to the constitution. He smokes himself. “It’s my choice,” he said while lighting up a cigar.

Fried also asked if the “Toot Toot Train,” the beloved coal fired steam train that runs around on the Hamptons Subway system during the holiday season would be banned.

Commissioner Aspinall rushed to the defense of the Toot Toot Train.

“The Toot Toot Train has been a children’s favorite for four years,” he said. “It is the exception that proves the rule. It will continue as always.”

Everyone in the Hamptons is familiar with the Toot Toot Train. Ordinarily, six trains make the rounds at any one time. All are diesels. But from November 1 until December 31, one of the regular subway trains is taken out of service and replaced by the Toot Toot. There’s a fireman on board who shovels the coal into the furnace. There’s an engineer and an assistant who toots the whistle and operates the smokestack damper as the Toot Toot *chuff-chuffs* through the tunnels. Smoke pours up and along the ceilings, sometimes arriving before the train actually appears. The straphangers wave and shout and the black smoke billows happily over the many children and their parents who stand on the platform cheering and

clapping. Then the Toot Toot opens and closes the sliding door like any other and the passengers get off and on, many of them happily coughing.

“No,” Commissioner Aspinall shouted, banging his fist. “Toot Toot stays. Climate change be damned!”

There are those who say this will wind up before the Supreme Court.

ANOTHER APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Aspinall, in keeping with his mandate of replacing all those liberal mid-level managers on the Subway system with conservatives who’ve had to deal with disastrous decisions they make at other subway systems, has now hired Charles Nickerbocker of the Chicago Subway system as its new Director of Speed Control.

“Charlie was the cause of that big crash on the Chicago System three years ago where he speeded up the trains that were off schedule,” the Commissioner said. “He won’t be doing that again.”

“No, I won’t” Nickerbocker said.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL’S MESSAGE

It was unfortunate last Thursday evening when the front car of subway train #7 hooked onto Christmas decorations while leaving Water Mill station. We regret that this unfortunate hooking pulled down our entire Christmas display lighting everywhere on the system and we had to ask passengers to stay motionless in the darkness wherever they were while repairs were made. We did play “Jingle Bells” throughout the subway cars for that half hour and we hope that helped. 🎅

Police BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

WOODS RAKING DISPUTES LEAD TO POLICE INTERVENTIONS

The heightened awareness of the need to clear underbrush and leaves from woods in order to prevent wildfires has led to some tense situations across the East End, as citizens brigades, armed with rakes, have entered woods throughout the area and started collecting leaves and other organic detritus. These well-intentioned crews have found, to their surprise, that their raking activities have been met with fierce

resistance from professional, union-represented forest rakers.

“People might not know it, but these are union jobs,” says Markus Blatter, head of the International Brotherhood of Forest Rakers (IBFR) Local 122. “You can’t just walk into the woods and start raking up leaves. The members we represent hold contracts that cover 90% of the forest acreage on the East End.” According to Blatter, not only would amateur forest raking lead to dangerous, fire-prone conditions in local woods, but it would also jeopardize the livelihoods of hundreds of highly trained and experienced union forest rakers on the East End. “These are hardworking leaf removal specialists, trained in Finland. Their expertise is irreplaceable.”

Blatter says that that’s the reason the union took immediate action to curtail the amateur forest raking in progress. “When the staff at the IBFR Local 122 offices became aware of the untrained weekend warriors out there haphazardly clearing, we alerted our members and organized to put an immediate stop to the unauthorized raking.”

Unfortunately, in many instances when the union forest rakers encountered the amateur crews there were skirmishes, often involving rakes. On several occasions, it became necessary to call the police to intervene in the tense confrontations.

“Our officers reported highly volatile standoffs,” says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. “Both sides were thoroughly convinced that they had a right to rake, and our officers had their work cut out for them to defuse the situations.” The irony of the situation is not lost on Hirsch. “You have all these guys who wouldn’t be caught dead clearing leaves from their own lawns, but have a sudden compulsion to rake the woods! Go figure.” In consultation with forest management authorities in the area, however, the police were able to verify the union claims and the amateur rakers were ordered to cease and desist from clearing the forest floors. 🎅

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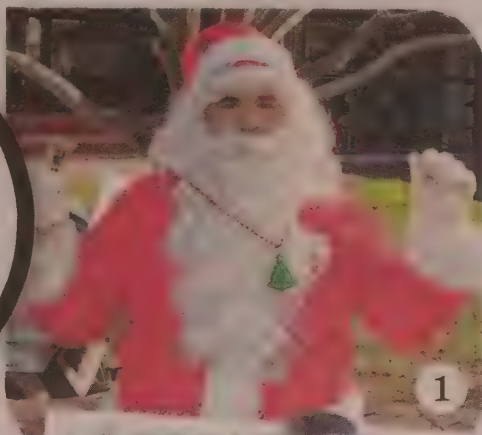


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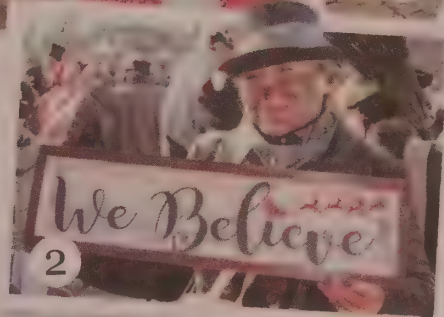
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23rd Annual Dickens Festival

The village of Port Jefferson was cast back in time over the weekend of December 1-2 when myriad costumed characters took to the streets for the annual Dickens Fest. A jolly good benjo was enjoyed by all! Photographs by Barbara Lassen



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1. Santa
2. Jennifer Hildreth
3. Fortune's Folly as the Society of the Asylum for Destitute Sailors
4. Mr. Bumble, Kelly Netusil, Sowerberry
5. Backstage Studio dancers waved to the crowd and handed out candy to the children watching the parade



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Chanukah Bowl at the EHIT Clubhouse

Where better to light a bowling pin menorah than in a bowling alley? Nowhere! Chabad of the Hamptons held this fun event to invite the community to light the lights with them in East Hampton Indoor Tennis's new, uber-popular entertainment destination. Photographs by Carole Blankman Ginsburg



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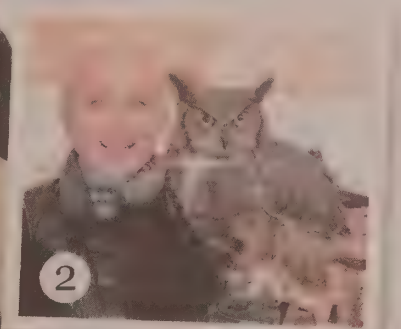
1. Chana Baumgarten and Mirel enjoy the arts and craft table
2. Scott and Holly Rubenstein of EHIT Clubhouse lit the bowling pin menorah with Chabad Rabbi Leibel Baumgarten
3. Zelig shows off his Chanukah book
4. Isaac Lopez holds daughter Yanisaac as he bowls with son Kelvin
5. Esther celebrates at the Chanukah Bowl

Marders 2018 Open House

Marders in Bridgehampton welcomed friends, feathered and festive, to their annual round of holiday happenings and shopping, accompanied by live music, cider and cookies, over the weekend of November 23. There's so much fun and shopping left to be had at this garden shop, nursery and emporium! Photographs by Richard Lewin/Courtesy Marders



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1. Marders' Jasmine Mijango and Charlie Marder
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The Real True Stories About How Places in the Hamptons Got Named



BY DAN RATTINER

The East End has such interesting names. Ever wonder how they got them? Here's the truth about them. Maybe.

AMAGANSETT

In 1783, after the smoke cleared ending the American Revolution, the residents of this village were asked to be part of New York. There were 104 of them and all of them, without exception, voted "No." They had formed themselves as a group called "I'm Against It," and so they were. In the end, they were forcibly annexed.

NAPEAGUE

A local Indian named Peague often stopped in this particular place to take naps. When people started calling him "Nap" Peague, he took offense and changed his name to Stephen Talkhouse. Soon thereafter he started a band. Meanwhile, the residents of Slobovia, as Napeague had been called until then, decided they wouldn't put up with the name Slobovia anymore and so named their little community Napeague to remind themselves of that Indian's heritage.

NORTHWEST

The community that bears this name on the western shore of Three Mile Harbor in East

Hampton was originally called Van Scoy's Landing, after the settler who had built a landing there. The community thrived for a while, but then became impoverished. In 1804, two explorers named Lewis and Clark went off out of St. Louis on what became known as the Lewis and Clark Expedition, in the hopes of discovering the Northwest outlet to the sea. Early on, they went the wrong way and cut through the woods of the old Van Scoy Landing property, where they encountered a fisherman who, when asked if this was Northwest, said "No." So the explorers left. The next day, the few fishing families still up there learned of what happened and insisted on changing the name from Van Scoy Landing to Northwest to get Lewis and Clark to come back, but they never did.

GIN LANE

When the wealthy New York City tycoons and plutocrats built their mansions in Southampton in the 1870s and 1880s down near the ocean in that town, they named the narrow roads they cut through the dunes after their favorite breakfast drinks—Scotch Lane, Rum Road, Gin Lane and Bourbon Street. When Prohibition became law in the early 20th Century, however, the wealthy scrapped these names and found new names for them—except for Gin Lane. They told people this was the place

where there had been a cotton gin. It was a lie.

SHINNECOCK

A group of settlers from a religious sect in Belgium were banished from that country and so came to this area, bringing with them the roosters that they worshipped and once a year shined up with shoe polish in some sort of religious ceremony. As the sect was strongly opposed to sexual intercourse, it was only here for one generation and then died out.

SAG HARBOR

In the 18th century a real estate developer got permission from the local government to build a cute reproduction of a little whaling village on wetlands near a harbor. When the roofs of these newly completed homes began to sag in the middle as they began to sink into the wetlands, the developer fled to Napeague. (See above.) He was never apprehended and the roofs were never fixed, but the name of the community got changed from Happy Harbor to Sag Harbor.

NOYAC

The area we now call Noyac was originally the home of a giant factory built by a Mr. Noys during the First World War that produced Gatling guns and, later, Ack Ack guns. It's been said that the massive numbers of these guns tipped the

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balance of World War I so that Germany got beaten, for the first time. The Ack Ack gun was replaced by the machine gun during the Second World War (when the Germans got beaten for the second time), and so the old factory was closed, abandoned, and soon began to fall into ruin. The town, which had before this called this area Noytown, named after Mr. Noy, decided to memorialize the place as Noyac to fuse his name with the gun that made him famous. After all, many who died firing this gun had carved the name Noyac on the wooden stock of the gun handle.

SHELTER ISLAND

Early settlers initially believed that this island, in between the North and South Forks of the East End, would be sheltered from rain, sleet and snow by the two land masses. When they realized that wasn't happening, they had the island's name changed to Squished Hampton. Later, when the Rolling Stones held recording sessions in a former fish house on the island and produced their famous song "Gimme Shelter," local officials changed the name back. But it didn't help change the weather.

NORTH FORK & SOUTH FORK

When the famous four-star New York City chef known as "Monsieur Fork" opened two restaurants on the East End in 1948, he called them both East Fork. The one on the northern fork was East Fork 1 and the other was East Fork 2. This became very confusing when diners making reservations at one found they were supposed to go to the other. And so, Le Monsieur

decided to call one North Fork and the other South Fork. "Fork," as Monsieur Fork's Manhattan restaurant had been called, became "West Fork." Unfortunately, that confused people even further and it drove M. Fork out of business. He spent his later life washing dishes in restaurants that would have him. Sad.

MONTAUK

This community had no name until the first group of motels were built in the late 1940s. Before that, it was referred to as "out there" by the residents of East Hampton, who administered that property and still do today. Some New York hipsters who were among the first tourists staying at the motels noted that the area had been the home of the Montaukett Indians, who were forced to move off the property by a Brooklyn millionaire named Arthur Benson. Nearly all went upstate. These tourists thought a name should be assigned to the motel community and proposed "Montaukett." Others, more hip, suggested "Tauk" or just "Talk," and in the end, after much arguing, it was decided to name it something in the middle: Montauk.

CUTCHOGUE

This North Fork community originally consisted of a clothing factory and dormitory rooms for the young women who "cut" the cloth into pants and blouses and shirts and coats. Local fishermen soon called the place Cutchogue. The plant moved to North Carolina in the 1970s and then to the Philippines in the 1990s. Currently it is in Hong Kong. It keeps moving around. You may know the label as "Dollar a Day."

RIVERHEAD

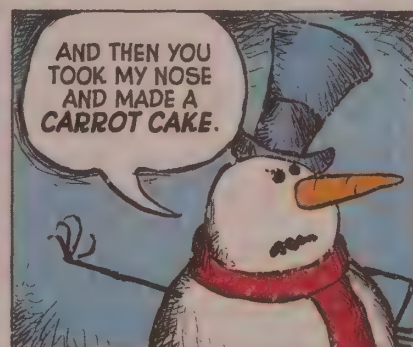
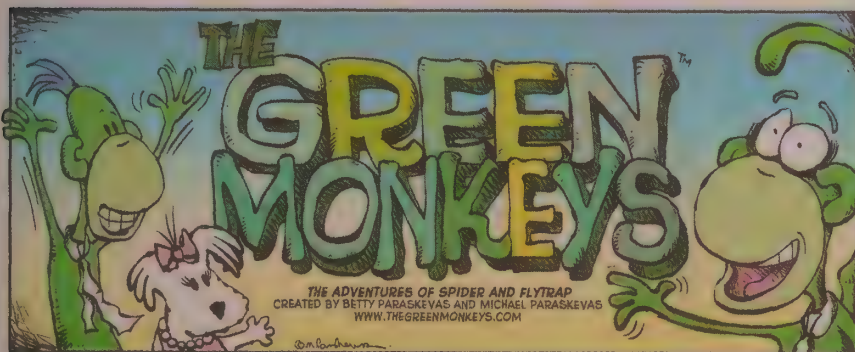
Riverhead was settled in 1722 by a man named Crotch, who was looking for a place he could name after himself. His search brought him to this place where, like two giant legs, the two forks came together. After Crotch died, childless, the residents of this place felt the name ought to be changed. A long gash in the earth headed west from the town and, when it rained, it filled with water and emptied itself at "Crotch." And so, the residents, using picks and shovels, widened the inland gash into a full flowing river that they named the Carmen River, after Mr. Crotch's widow Carmen, hoping she wouldn't be offended to learn that her husband's name was being discarded, and so from that day to this, the town was known as Riverhead.

SPRINGS & MATTITUCK

Two factories served the bedding business out here, and both influenced the name of the community in which they were built. Springs was home to a springs factory. Mattituck was home to a mattress and blanket-tuck factory.

THE HAMPTONS

A wealthy Englishman named Lord Herbert Windsor Hampton was given title to all the land east of Brookhaven in 1638. He never set foot in this place, but his four children did. Each built a different community with the name Hampton in it to honor their father. The three sons were named East, West and South, and there was also a daughter named Bridgette.



An Amazing Journey

Lion Gardiner Settled the Hamptons in 1639. But Adriaen Block Was Here in 1614.



THE FIGURATIVE MAP OF THE NORTHEAST BY ADRIAEN BLOCK

BY DAN RATTINER

It's always been claimed that the first English settler to set foot on eastern Long Island was Lion Gardiner, a fort builder who had come from Europe to design a fort at Old Saybrook, Connecticut. He sailed across Long Island Sound from that community and came ashore at a small island off the coast of Amagansett in 1639. It is upon the fact of this landing that this claim lies. He named the place Gardiner's Island.

However, Gardiner was not the first European to come to eastern Long Island. In 1614, 25 years earlier, a Dutch trader named Adriaen Block and some of his men anchored their ship off the north shore of Montauk and rowed through the Long Island Sound surf to a beach. There they encountered native Montaukett Indians fishing, and so, when Block returned to Holland 15 weeks later, he reported his findings in a diary he wrote during his journey and, with a Dutch

cartographer, drew a map of where they had been, naming that beach where they landed—actually Montauk Point—"Fisher's Hook."

The map survives. The diary, however, was lost in subsequent years, so we do not know if there were trades done at Montauk or attempts at communication. But Block was there.

Adriaen Block was in his late 40s when he captained his ship *Tyger* to the New World. Preparing to return to Holland after his various encounters, he lost his ship. *Tyger*, loaded with furs and pelts, was anchored just offshore what today would be the Wall Street section of Manhattan Island when it caught fire and burned to the waterline while Block and his crew watched in horror from their encampment on shore. They were the only Europeans on this remote island in the New World. And there was no way to go the 3,400 miles across the Atlantic to home. Furthermore, it was November. A brutal winter was beginning. Their only hope was to engage

with the Lenape Indians on that island and build a new ship themselves, made from trees they would have to cut down near their camp. How they did this—none of the Dutchmen had ever built a ship before—and how, on their attempt to get home, they arrived off Montauk in a 45-foot-long rough-hewn sail boat they named *Restless* is one of the great sea stories of all time.

Adrian Block was born in Amsterdam in 1567. Before 1600, he had become a businessman. As a member of a Dutch trading company, he had become captain of a ship that, with other Dutch ships, sailed around Africa to the Dutch West Indies to buy goods and transport them back home for profit. On one of these trips home in 1601, after a purchase fell through, Block encountered a trader's ship from Lubeck, Germany, boarded it and seized the ship and its cargo. Bringing it in to Amsterdam, he sold the cargo he had seized—nuts and fruits and pelts—and made himself a rich man. At that time,

the Dutch government had authorized all Dutch ship's captains to capture foreign ships like that.

Thus he became a hero in Holland in those years as a businessman, a trader and a privateer. In 1608, he married Neeltje Hendricks van Gelder, then bought a house he and his wife called "The Two Hooded Crows" on Amsterdam's Oude Waal Street, and fathered the first of six children the next year. By the time he left for the New World to make a further fortune buying pelts from the Indians in the New World, four of those six children had been born.

His trip across the ocean where his ship burned to the ground was his fourth and last. He had been preceded by the trader Henry Hudson. Hudson had gotten rich coming home with beaver pelts, but that was four years earlier. Now it was Block's turn.

Block also intended to take advantage of the Dutch government's patent. Any adventurer who could bring back goods to the government would get a patent awarding them the exclusive right to trade, for three years and four round trips, on the new land they had encountered. He got those rights. There would be three more years ahead when Block could have these exclusive rights here. He never, after what happened, had the nerve to take advantage of it.

However, he did discover Long Island. He was carefully keeping track of everywhere he went. The rough maps he had with him from the Hudson expedition showed Long Island's south shore but had it as part of New England. There was no Long Island Sound. It was all of one land mass.

Hudson had approached the island that became Manhattan from the south and proceeded up the Hudson River four years earlier. Block approached from the north. Crossing down from what is now Rhode Island, he probably considered that Long Island Sound must be the mouth of a great river that might be a tributary of the Hudson. He went past it in order to go to Manhattan, a place he'd been told about, made camp down at the foot of Manhattan, got supplies, then went north up the Hudson River and made his transactions with the Indians for his fortune's worth of beaver pelts. Returning to Manhattan, Block's ship burned at anchor.

There is no record of how he and his crew, without construction tools, built the *Restless* that winter. There is also no record of why, once the ship was built, Block chose to head north up the East River to the headwaters of Long Island Sound, which he knew nothing about, except to assume that *Restless* was so rickety they might do better in what they were told by the Indians were calmer waters than going back down south into the ocean. In any case, they passed north through Hell's Gate—the narrow and dangerous watery passage between Randall's Island and Queens today—and proceeded east. When they got to Montauk, and saw to the south only the angry ocean, they had to know that what they had sailed on was a hundred-mile-long body of water north of a very large island. Back in Holland, the maps that were made from Block's journey show Long Island for the very first time.

A copy of that map is in the New York Public Library Archives, and we present it here. As you see, it does not yet show the barrier beach and the bays along the south shore of Long Island. (No Europeans had yet been there!) It also doesn't show the North Fork. Where the North Fork is, it is shown as a series of small islands. One might have been Shelter Island. There is no Shelter

Island on this map otherwise. It is pretty crude. But what an accomplishment.

Block was in no hurry now to get out into the Atlantic waves. He left Montauk and headed north to discover the mouth of the Connecticut River, which he named "Fresh River," and explored to where Hartford would someday rise. Then he turned around and came back down to discover what he called "Fisher's Island" (the name stuck) and then, further along, discovered this potato-shaped island off Montauk, which on his map at home is noted as "Adriaen Block's Island." He also named a large island "Roode Eylandt" translated as Rhode Island.

Long Island on Block's map is not called that. It's named "Matouwacks," an Algonquin Indian word that defies translation. That name didn't stick. It's Long Island. Also on Adriaen Block's map he names Matouwacks and all the lands to

the north of Long Island—Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts—as New Netherlands. A sweeping gesture for the homeland. And that name didn't stick either.

Before heading out into the rough Atlantic in the *Restless* after this, something wonderful happened. They encountered a well-built oceangoing Dutch ship, all boarded it, abandoned *Restless* and eventually got taken home.

On October 11, 1614, Block and others presented a petition to the States General to receive exclusive trading privileges and were granted exclusive rights for three years between parallel 40 and parallel 45. But Block never went back.

Adriaen Block lived at "The Two Hooded Crows" until he died in 1627 at the age of 60. He is buried in Amsterdam's Oude Kerk in a grave next to his wife. 🏠



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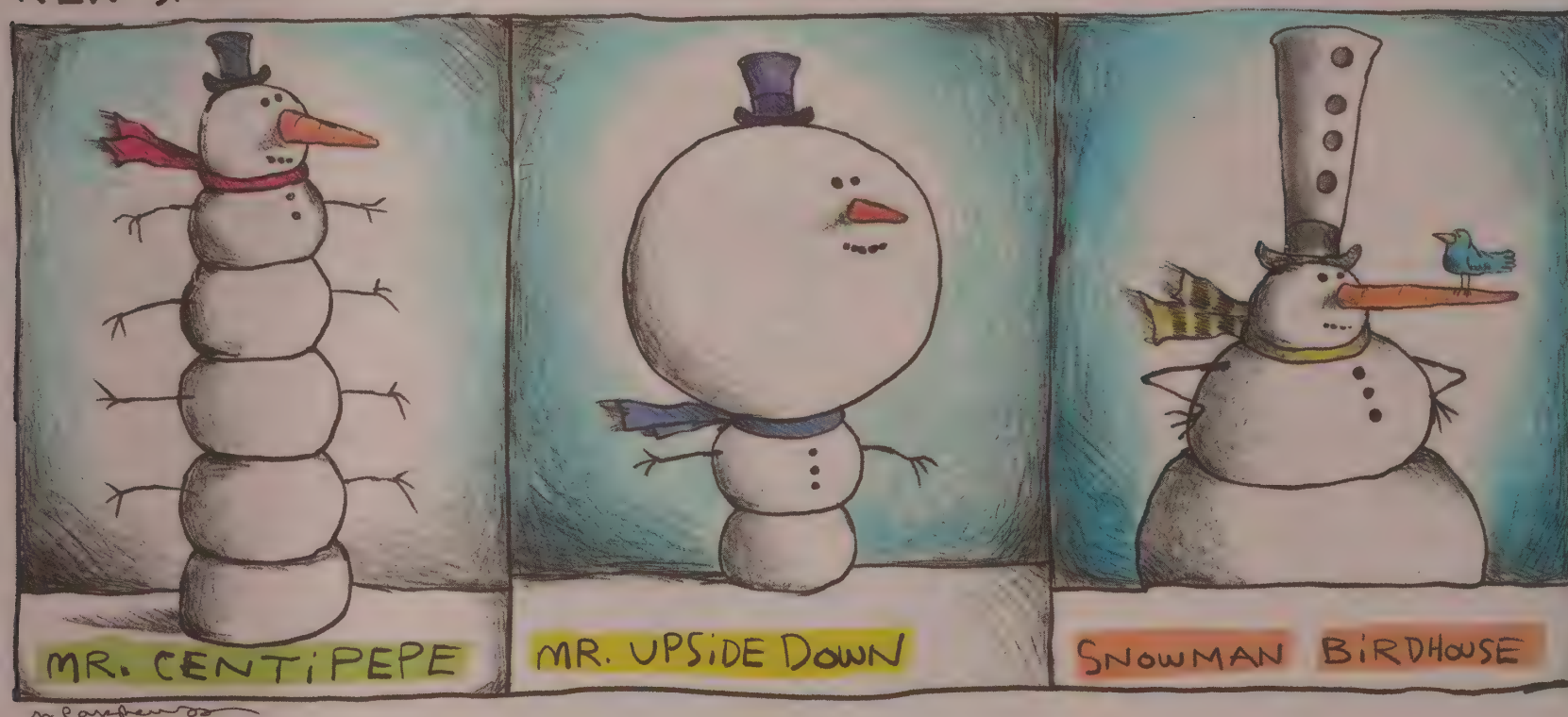
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BY DAN RATTINER

Well, winter has arrived. Years ago here in the Hamptons, this meant retreating to one's home, building a fire and enjoying the days in splendid contemplation. Nobody worried about it. For example, during a 30-year period there was a sign as you drove down the Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike toward Sag Harbor that expressed this sentiment. It consisted of a wooden framework with a sign hanging below it. On the framework were the words SAG HARBOR. On the smaller sign hanging down were the words VISIT OUR WHALING MUSEUM. But that was in the summertime. In the fall, the smaller sign was taken down by those running the whaling museum. In its place they put up a sign reading CLOSED.

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These days, the marketing people are out drumming up all sorts of things to do outdoors in the wintertime. There are tree lightings and Santa

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Sag Harbor hosts such a plunge in the bay as part of a very jittery cold day in February they call Harborfrost. They call the plunge the Frosty Plunge and it takes place at 2 p.m. Ice carving is demonstrated on Main Street, fire-baton juggling takes place on Long Wharf, fire dancers after the fire batons. As the sun sets, a fireworks show goes off up in the sky down by the water. The date this year is Saturday February 23. On the website sagharborchamber.com, it reads "Something for everyone! Spend the day shopping and dining in Sag Harbor—we are OPEN."

In honor of all the plunges and winter celebrations, I'd like to report on the tourist activities in another cold place, in fact the coldest place on the earth—Antarctica.

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But that is not all that is going on in Antarctica this winter. There is, as this is written on December 7, a race underway where two competitors are vying to see who can walk without assistance from one end of Antarctica to the other by trudging from one shore, up the ice mountain to the South Pole, and then down to the far shore, a distance of 859 miles. It's never been done before, CONTINUED ON PAGE 30

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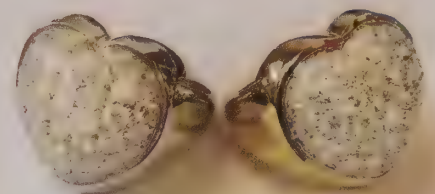
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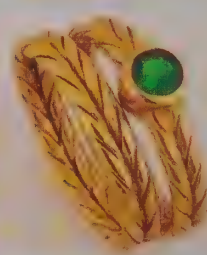
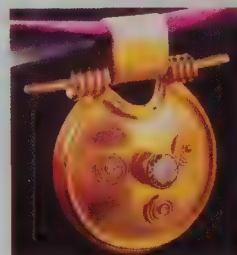
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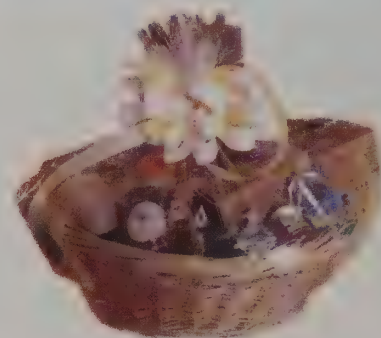
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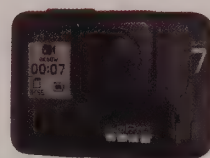
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though people have died trying.

For example, an Englishman named Worsley tried it, dragging along his pack of supplies on a sled in 2016. He was in daily communication with the outside world by the satellite phone he carried. The distance then was 950 miles (longer because of ice melt or a different route?) and he got to the 913-mile mark and gave up. An aircraft arrived to rescue him, but he died shortly after being picked up due to organ failure.

As this is written, the two competitors are already on their way. They left November 11 from shore locations about 10 miles from each other and expect to be still trudging along, dragging their 350-pound packs on their sleds, until mid-January, when one or both or neither of them will be the winner.

The competitors are Louis Rudd, a 49-year-old Englishman who has spent his life in the military (Iraq and Afghanistan), and Colin O'Brady, a 33-year-old American running and climbing powerhouse. Rudd has done the "Big Six," which means he has climbed the tallest peaks on each of the six continents. O'Brady has won medals at triathlons and distance events and at one point was considering trying out for the Olympic team. O'Brady has a big presence on social media. Rudd, not so much. Both have families they are leaving to wait for their return.

In their packs are dried food, skis, sleeping bags, heavy clothing, tents, portable solar panels, satellite phones and GPS trackers to lead them on the way.

Rudd was in the lead early on, but on several

foul-weather days he slowed down and now O'Brady is in the lead. (If you want to root for one or the other, you can do so. *The New York Times* has a link to a site that will give out a daily report.) I mean, wow, this is great!

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There is also another interesting story in the news concerning a bitter cold climate. In Nepal, one of the biggest sources of income in the country is from those hundreds and thousands of people who want to climb Mount Everest every year. Sherpas accompany them. Hotels have been built to accommodate them.

But here is bad news that never really got pointed out until now. Over the years, lots of people have started out on the climb; but then couldn't make it. Some turned back to base camp. But others froze to death along the way. There are established paths along the way. And above 8,000 meters, those who died are still there, frozen where they fell. Or sat. And the new climbers have to step around them or climb over them. Getting these bodies back down is too dangerous.

The word is spreading. I read an account about it in *The Sun*, the British daily. There are 300 frozen bodies up there beyond the retrieval line, all well preserved. Some of them have been identified, some not. Since most of the climbing has become all the rage only recently, most wear the colorful climbing gear now in vogue. There is one former climber, God rest his soul, for example, who is known as "Green Boots" because that is the color of the footwear he still has on. He died alongside a cave that has since been named "Green Boots Cave," and there he is, along with his oxygen bottles and other gear. Nobody is sure who he is, but the odds are he is an Indian climber named Tsewang Paljor, who died during a bad blizzard on Everest in 1996.

Well, that's it for today's interesting story. My advice is stay home, build a fire, read a book and enjoy the solitude of the season.

Of course, you really should go out to the plunges and certainly to Harborfront when that happens. And Super Bowl Sunday is February 3. Mix things up a bit. Spring will happen eventually. 🐻



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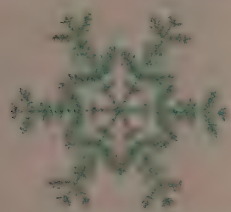


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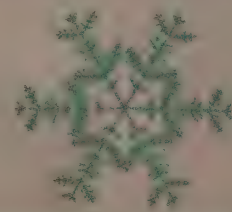
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BY LEE MEYER

The Golden Globe nominations were announced last week and two fabulous East End ladies are being recognized for their exemplary work in the same category. Debra Messing and Candice Bergen have been nominated for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series - Musical or Comedy, and both are more than worthy of the honor. Let's take a look and make a case for both.

Messing is nominated for *Will & Grace*. The beloved 1990s/early-2000s sitcom about a gay man, Will, (Eric McCormack) and his best friend

Grace (Messing) living together in Manhattan returned last year to much fanfare. The original show was cutting edge for its time, with its fully fleshed out gay characters and themes, but times have since changed and the revival often felt dated in its first new season. But its second season has delved into more timely topics including the #MeToo movement. In one particularly powerful episode, Grace confronted her father (Robert Klein) about her being sexually assaulted by his friend when she was a teenager. The moment came seemingly out of nowhere, and Grace and her father had a frank discussion about how it affected her outlook in life. Messing was devastating in the scenes, showing a vulnerable, serious side to the usually goofy and high-strung woman.

Bergen, of course, is nominated for the revival of *Murphy Brown*. Also a revival of a beloved 1990s sitcom, *Murphy Brown* follows the trials and tribulations of the titular news anchor as she navigates everything from office politics to, well, real politics. Unlike *Will & Grace's* reboot, *Murphy Brown* opened with a slightly different premise than the original show, with Murphy

coming out of retirement to host a new morning news show in the wake of Donald Trump being elected president. She then realizes that her main competitor is her son, Avery (Jake McDorman), whose own morning news show airs at the same time on an opposing network. The show, which follows in the original's footsteps, tackles touchy topics (including taking a decidedly liberal stance on the current political climate). In a recent episode, one of Murphy's colleagues and friends is assaulted at a Trump rally, causing her to reconsider her aggressive reporting against the president. She ultimately realizes that she can't back down in response to the fear mongering.

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Both women are incredibly strong contenders to win the Golden Globe. The other three nominees—Kristen Bell (*The Good Place*), Alison Brie (*Glow*) and Rachel Brosnahan (*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*)—are also talented actresses, but don't have the storied pedigree of Messing and Bergen (and let's face it, they aren't East Enders). Best of luck to all the wonderful women nominated! The 76th Golden Globe Awards will air on January 6 on NBC. For more pop culture news, visit DansPapers.com. 🍷

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This Week's Cover Artist: Natalia Clarke

Born and raised in Moscow, Natalia Ivan Clarke evokes the holiday season with her still life "Jingle Bell." To see more of Clarke's work, you can visit her website, nataliaivanclarke.com.

What was the inspiration for this particular piece?

The classical colors of Christmas—green, red and gold, Christmas songs.

What does the holiday season mean to you?

Family together, friends around,

children's happy faces, believing in magic!

How did you get started in art?

I always loved photography and in 2007 graduated from the New York Institute of Photography. It was great; they taught me how—without words—to express myself, to capture "forever" moments and show people how interesting the world around us can be.

I also wanted to study drawing and painting and be able to create that illusion of the three-dimensional form on two-dimensional, flat



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surface (a canvas, piece of paper) and, at the same time, to express myself through the colors, subjects, composition—it's a magical process.

In 2008 I went to the Long Island Academy of Fine Art, located at that time in Riverhead and then at Atelier Armetta in Glen Cove, when I received my training in classical drawing and painting. It was hard work: five days a week, full-time, a lot of cast drawings, live figures and portrait study, still-life paintings, many workshops. I had great teachers: Robert Armetta, James Daga Albinson, Bennett Vadnais, Steve Forster. Now I am a member of Oil Painters of America.

What are challenges you face as an artist?

Not enough time to paint, always divided between what I would love to do and what real life wants me to do.

If you could sit down with any artist, past or present, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I would not talk! I would just enjoy watching them working. It would be Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin, William Merritt Chase, Antonio Mancini, Emil Carlsen, Anders Zorn, Hovsep Pushman, Nicolai Fechin, Richard Schmid, David Leffel, Roos Schuring, Tibor Nagy and Daniel J. Keys—he's the youngest, today in his early 30s. 🐾

You can read interviews with all of our Dan's Papers cover artists on DansPapers.com.

Arts & Entertainment



Holiday Fun Continues on East End Stages

As the holiday season reaches its climax and you find yourself winding down from all the shopping, family gatherings and obligatory office parties, you'll definitely want to relax with some entertainment. Find something fun to do on the East End as December careens towards its exciting conclusion!

Drop into Riverhead's beautiful **Suffolk Theater** when Rock & Roll Hall of Fame group Ronnie Spector and the Ronnettes throw a festive Yuletide party on December 14, followed by WLNG's Rockabilly Christmas the next night. Ring in 2019 with a double feature of fun. On December 31 at 8 p.m., party all night at the New Years Laugh, Dine and Dance, where you'll enjoy a comedy show, champagne toast and sick beats by DJ Phil. Can't make it at 8 p.m.? Not a problem! The After Hours Dance Party kicks off at 10 p.m. where guests will continue to groove before the grand champagne toast. 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

Celebrate the holidays at **The Stephen Talkhouse**. On December 15, listen to rock, country, blues, gospel and holiday songs with Sarah Conway in her beloved Revel in Your Spirits Christmas Show. After the concert, the 4th annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party with Hello Brooklyn begins, where you can actually win a prize for that tacky thing sitting in the back of your



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Bay Street Theater will present a free reading of *A Christmas Carol* on Thursday, December 20, with a special holiday sing-along to follow. The show features actors Paul Hecht, John Kroft, Amanda Kristin Nichols

and Harris Yulin. Tickets are free but reservations are required. **Goat on a Boat at Bay Street Theater** will celebrate the season with the Joyfully Jolly Jamboree on December 22. Enjoy original holiday songs along with beloved classics, as well an appearance by sock puppet Mr. Nicholas, this is guaranteed to be a good time for the whole family. 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org

Canio's Cultural Cafe will host jazz musicians Steve Shaughnessy and Mike Gari for a holiday concert on Friday, December 28. 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. caniosbooks.com

For many, seeing *A Christmas Carol* is an annual tradition. Luckily, the **Theatre Three** production is a theatrical masterpiece and can be seen through December 29. 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. 631-928-9100, theatrethree.com

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We're here to help and so are a host of East End pros. Remember to dress warm, hydrate, caffeinate and enjoy yourself out there!

Give an unwrapped toy to the **Second Annual Toy Drive** to Benefit Little Flower Children & Family Services at **Bistro Été** in Water Mill and you get a free glass of wine. And maybe you stay a bit to enjoy Happy Hour, which begins at 5 p.m. and offers half off wine and beer (excluding premium selections). 760 Montauk Highway, Water Mill, 631-500-9085, bistroete.com.

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While you're out and about, you'll notice that all of our East End villages are doing light displays this season, there's even the largest drive-through

light show in Suffolk County going on in Riverhead right now—**The Riverhead Holiday Light Show**, riverheadlightshow.com. Why not take a moment to also take in nature's light display—the **Geminid Meteor Shower**. The Montauk Observatory at the Ross School offers free observation, no registration necessary, on Thursday, December 13 from 6–9 p.m. 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton, montaukobservatory.com

Speaking of Riverhead, after you've drained the **Tanger Outlets** of goods, check out the **East End Arts Gallery** and the rest of downtown Main Street, and hurry to do some good at **The Moose Lodge** at 51 Madison Street. There you can drop off new pajamas, sizes infant to adult, which will be donated to **Heart of the Hamptons**. They will be paired with a donated book and given to a shelter in Southampton. The last collection day of this project is Thursday, December 13. Or they can arrange to pick them up. They're also hosting a giving tree of hats, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves. 631-727-6667

The last minute can be just the right time to fill your stockings with love! A good time was had by all at the Southampton Animal Shelter in Hampton Bays last Saturday during their annual Christmas Fair. Are all those doggies looking forward to having their photos taken with Santa again next year? That's hard to say, but one thing is certain, there were some very popular craft vendors plying their wares there. The new game in town, **HandcraftedHamptons.com**, sold out of their holiday gift baskets, fresh baked goods for people and doggie biscuits and colorful "dogkerchiefs" in a flash. Good news: this local craft vendors and about 20 others will be selling their wares at the **Holiday Bazaar**

at **Guild Hall** on Saturday, December 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bonus!: free gift-wrapping, holiday movies screening all day, food and more. Will there be an entire wall covered with bows? Who knows? 158 Main Street, East Hampton, 631-324-0806, guildhall.org.

If you didn't find your "furrever friend" last Saturday, try, try again at the **Kent Animal Shelter's Holiday Open House and Adoption Event** on Saturday, December 15, 11 – 3p.m. Their dedicated staff will be happy to help you make the perfect pet choice based on your needs and lifestyle. Come to their holiday tent for hot chocolate and refreshments and support Kent Animal Shelter by purchasing raffle tickets or making a purchase at their Pet Gift Boutique! Santa Claus will be there! 2259 River Road, Calverton, 631-727-5731, kentanimalsshelter.com

Harvey Bennett at **The Tackle Shop** in Amagansett is collecting "any baseball stuff—shoes, shirts, gloves, balls, bats, catchers stuff," which he'll be putting on a truck for next week for kids in Dominican Republic so they can celebrate Christmas and America's favorite pastime. Donations can be left at the store at 575 Montauk Highway—or left next to back door behind the fence on west side of building when the store is closed. 731-324-7770, thetackleshop@aol.com

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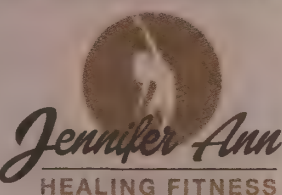
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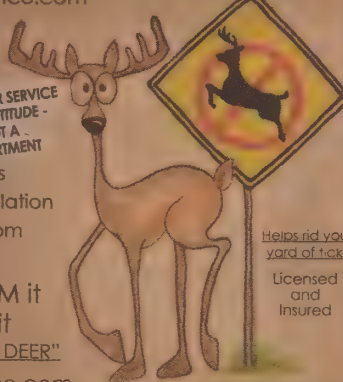
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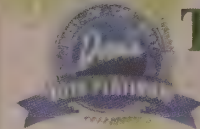
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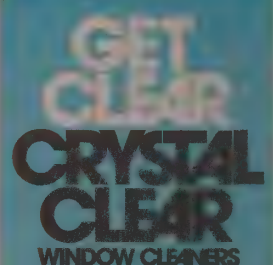


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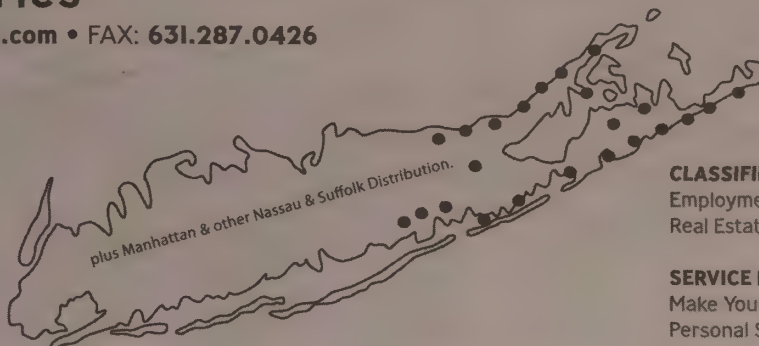
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Albee's property was repped by Paul Brennan at Elliman; last asking price was \$20 million. But with Lauren's estimated worth of



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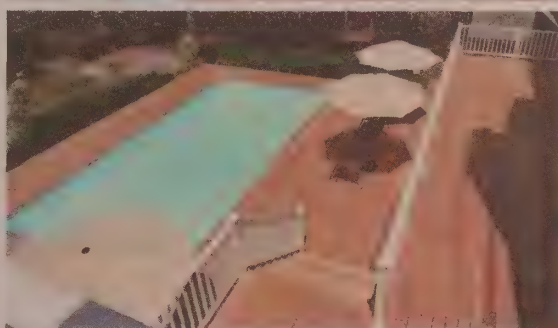
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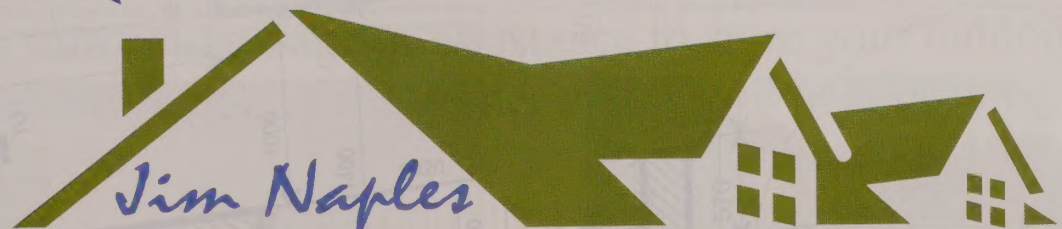
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